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James Donald Gfeller

Nov. 10, 1925-March 9, 2003

James Donald Gfeller, 77, of Boone, died Sunday, March 9, of congestive heart failure at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alleman, with the Rev. Barbara Bullock officiating. Burial will be in Lincoln Township Cemetery.

James Donald Gfeller was born Nov. 10, 1925, in Polk County, the son of Verner L. and Dora (Hitz) Gfeller. He lived in the Alleman area for his entire life. He married Thelma Jean Oct. 16, 1949, in Luther. He worked as a farmer until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, Farm Bureau, a 48-year member of a local pitch club and was on the church board at Leisure World Retirement Park in Wesleco, Texas. He vacationed at Eagle's Nest Lake in Ely, Minn., and regularly attended the coffee club at Hailey's Comet.

He survived by his wife, Thelma "T.J." Gfeller of Boone; two sons, Terry Gfeller of Ely, Minn., and Randy Gfeller of Ackley; one daughter, Nancy Palubick of Dent, Minn.; one brother, Stanley Gfeller of Woodward; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be after 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Soderstrum-Riis Funeral Home in Slater, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to Salem United Church of Christ.

Soderstrum-Riis Funeral Home in Slater is in charge of arrangements.

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